

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
MEETING NOTES OF JULY 7, 2005**

**Commissioners Present:** Jillian Kinzie, Dorothy Saltzman, Toby Strout. **Staff Present:** Craig Brenner, Liaison, and Lee Bowlen, City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department. **Guests Present:** Megan Hutchison, Intern, City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department, and Deborah Vance, Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington.

**Volunteer Note Taker:** Peg Bassett

Only three commissioners were able to attend the meeting so quorum was not met. Those present discussed the attendance policy as outlined in the BCSW Bylaws and the fact that it is not possible to vote on any items or have an official meeting when a quorum is not present. The Bylaws state that a member shall give prior notice if unable to attend a regular meeting. See Article 1, Section 3 for detail. It was suggested that all members be reminded of the attendance policy.

Megan attended the meeting seeking opinions on the possibility of forming a new commission for the GLBT community. The BCSW commissioners were in favor of exploring this idea with reps from other commissions and suggested to Megan that she put together a formal written proposal and present it at a future BCSW meeting.

Megan mentioned that she had applied for a position on the commission some time ago. She was unable to attend a scheduled interview and emailed her regrets but received no further communication. Others voiced concerns with the application tracking process and the lack of response to those that apply for different positions. Craig volunteered to meet with Pete Giordano, Director of Community and Family Resources, and Regina Moore, City Clerk, to discuss the application process and the possibility of making the applications available to the commissioners for review.

Toby distributed a portion of her report on the incidence and response to violence against women in Bloomington. She asked that comments be returned by October 6<sup>th</sup>. She also distributed two different data reports which will be filed with Craig. Discussion centered on two main issues: the fact that it is difficult to obtain reliable data and that there is a real need for commitment to a community-wide safety audit.

Craig gave Jillian a draft of the Data Report on Health created by summer intern Regina Harlig.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Bassett